

Richard “Dick” Baker, 76

Richard “Dick” Baker, age 76, passed away peacefully on March 3 surrounded by his family. He was the loving father of Stephanie, Christopher, Briana and Andrew and grandfather of Molly and James, all of whom he loved to brag about as often as possible. He also leaves behind his brother and sister-in-law Walter and Pat Baker and countless friends. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, his wife Irene.

Dick grew up in Wareham, MA and attended Dean Junior College and Bridgewater State College. After living in Easton and Plymouth, he found his home in Duxbury and, once there, could not imagine living anywhere else. He loved the beach almost as much as he loved Dunkin Donuts coffee and the Patriots. He was often found on or around sports fields, and his other passions included every other local sports team, music and reading.

Although Dick had an eclectic career, his heart was always in education. Known as Mr. Baker to many, Dick’s joy in life was teaching. Inside and outside the classroom, he always had the time to lend a listening ear or share some of his life wisdom, usually through a very long story. He took joy in connecting with others and forged genuine connections wherever he went. He was quick to make a joke (albeit sometimes an inappropriate one) and those close to him knew that it was how he expressed his love.

During his courageous battle with melanoma, Dick never lost his faith or composure. He was an example of living life to the fullest and remembering what truly matters in life. Dick often asked two questions that got to the heart of the matter: “Did you do your best?” and “Did you have fun?” In his case, the answers to both questions is a resounding yes.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, March 11 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Pilgrim Church, 404 Washington St. All are welcome. Since Dick would hate the idea of anyone mourning him, please no black clothes.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via dana-farber.org/gift.

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